

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TYRONDA ANNE SUTTON,
RONNIE SYLVESTER SUTTON III, TEARREA
MARIE BISHOP, DANIENAL IESHEA BISHOP,
and ANGEL SHANAE GRANT, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
July 22, 2003

v

TITANIA ANN BISHOP,

Respondent-Appellant,

No. 243522
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 00-395049

and

RONNIE SUTTON, SR., DARREN ABBOTT, and
J.C. GRANT,

Respondents.

Before: Zahra, P.J., and Talbot and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I);¹ *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). The

¹ Effective May 1, 2003, the court rules governing proceedings regarding juveniles were amended and moved to the new subchapter MCR 3.900. The provisions on termination of parental rights are found in MCR 3.977. In this opinion, we refer to the rules in effect at the time of the order terminating parental rights.

evidence established that respondent-appellant's youngest child was born cocaine positive and that the maternal grandmother had cared for respondent-appellant's four older children for quite some time. The evidence further showed that respondent-appellant had not become drug-free during the nearly two-year course of these proceedings or demonstrated that she could remain drug-free for a significant period of time. While respondent-appellant's attendance at the methadone clinic is noteworthy and to be commended, she would require many months, possibly years, to demonstrate a permanently drug-free lifestyle, establish housing and employment, and otherwise be able to independently and effectively support and parent the minor children. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Brian K. Zahra
/s/ Michael J. Talbot
/s/ Donald S. Owens